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# **SENATE BILL 1037**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 16-642 AND 16-648, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2       Section 1. Section 16-642, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4           16-642. *Canvass of election; postponements*

5       A. The governing body holding an election shall MEET AND canvass the  
6 election not less than six days nor more than ~~fifteen~~ TWENTY days following  
7 the election.

8       B. The governing body of a special district as defined in title 48  
9 shall present to the board of supervisors a certified copy of the official  
10 canvass of the election at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the board  
11 of supervisors. For purposes of contesting a special district election as  
12 described in section 16-673, the canvass is not complete until the  
13 presentation to the board of supervisors is made.

14       C. If, at the time of the meeting of the governing body, the returns  
15 from any polling place in the election district where the polls were opened  
16 and an election held are found to be missing, the canvass shall be postponed  
17 from day to day until all the returns are received or until six postponements  
18 have been had.

19       Sec. 2. Section 16-648, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

20           16-648. *Canvass for state offices, amendments and measures;*  
21                   postponement

22       A. On the ~~third~~ FOURTH Monday following a general election, the  
23 secretary of state, in the presence of the governor and the attorney general,  
24 shall canvass all offices for which the nominees filed nominating petitions  
25 and papers with the secretary of state pursuant to section 16-311, subsection  
26 ~~B—D~~.

27       B. The secretary of state, in the presence of the governor and the  
28 chief justice of the supreme court, shall canvass all proposed constitutional  
29 amendments and initiated or referred measures, as shown by the certified  
30 copies of official canvass received from the several counties, and forthwith  
31 certify the result to the governor.

32       C. If the official canvass of any county has not been received on the  
33 ~~third~~ FOURTH Monday following the general election, the canvass shall be  
34 postponed from day to day, not to exceed thirty days from the date of the  
35 election, until canvasses from all counties are received.